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Frank X. Neuner, Jr. was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 23, 1951. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1972 and a Juris Doctor in 1976 from Louisiana State University. He has been a partner with Laborde & Neuner in Lafayette, Louisiana since its formation in 1987 and has served as the Managing Partner since 1998. Since his admission to the Louisiana Bar in 1976, Mr. Neuner has been involved in admiralty, insurance, employment law, commercial, and toxic tort litigation. He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1994.

He is a member of Louisiana, Texas and American Bar Associations, the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, the Defense Research Institute and the Maritime Law Association of the United States. He served as Treasurer of the Louisiana State Bar Association for 2002-2004, and was President of the Louisiana State Bar Association in 2005-2006. Mr. Neuner is a Past President and Board Member of the Lafayette Parish Bar Association and the Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation, and was a member of the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association from 1980 through 1996. He was on the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association from 1997-1999. He is currently serving as a Louisiana state wide elected Delegate to the American Bar Association.

He is a Team Leader for the Acadiana Inns of Court and is a Past President. Mr. Neuner is a Past Chairman and member of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Committee on Professionalism and Quality of Life. He has also been a member of the Louisiana Supreme Court's Committee on the Prevention of Lawyer Misconduct and serves on the Council of the Louisiana State Law Institute. Mr. Neuner is also a member of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel.

Mr. Neuner has written an article for the Louisiana Bar Journal, Vo. 45, No. 1 entitled "Mandatory Professionalism: A Cure for an Infectious Disease" as well as an article for the Tulane Law Review, Volume 73, Numbers 5-6, entitled "Professionalism: Charting a Different Course of the New Millennium". He has been a guest lecturer at the Louisiana State University and Tulane University Law Schools' Continuing Legal Education programs and has presented at seminars for the International Association of Drilling Contractors, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Lafayette Parish Bar Association, the Louisiana Judicial College, Marine Insurance Institute, Federal Bar Association and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel.

He is a Past Chairman and Board member of Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center, and serves on the Lafayette Advisory Board for Iberia Bank Corporation. He served as inaugural Co-Chairman of the Lafayette Outreach for Civil Justice in 2003 and 2004 which was honored with a Harrison Tweed award in 2005. He is also a Past President of the United Way of Acadiana and Past Campaign Chair for the United Way of Acadiana. Mr. Neuner is currently the Chair of the Louisiana Public Defender Board, and he was appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to the Drug Policy Board in 2008.

In 2004 the Louisiana State Bar Association honored Mr. Neuner with the David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award for his demonstrated commitment to the promotion of legal services to the poor and his significant contributions which have enhanced pro bono efforts in the State of Louisiana during his lifetime. He was also honored in 2004 by the National Client Protection Organization with its prestigious Isaac Hecht law Client Protection Award for his leadership and guidance in reforming the Louisiana State Bar Association's Client Protection Program. He incorporated the Louisiana Assistance Foundation in 2003 and has served on its Board of Directors as President since its inception.

On January 21, 2006, Mr. Neuner was honored by the Louisiana State Bar Association with its Professionalism Award for his dedicated service in assisting the bench and bar in re-establishing the rule of law in the storm-affected areas of Louisiana and for his successful efforts in assisting the lawyers of Louisiana in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

On June 8, 2006, Mr. Neuner was honored by the Louisiana Bar Foundation with the 2006 President's Award in recognition of outstanding leadership, volunteer service and dedication to the mission and goals of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

On June 9, 2006, the Louisiana State Bar Association's twenty living Past Presidents honored Mr. Neuner for his outstanding service to the profession, the judiciary and the public in response to the unprecedented challenges of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In December of 2006, The Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers presented Mr. Neuner with the Public Defender Gideon Award.

In 2008, the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center named Mr. Neuner as the Distinguished Alumni of the Year.

Finally, Mr. Neuner was named as one of the Top 50 Louisiana Lawyers for 2007 by Louisiana Life magazine in its Winter 2006/2007 edition.

He has been married to Tracy Owens Neuner for thirty-eight years and they have four children and one grandson.